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Hard work pays off in new stripes

By Tech. Sgt. Jacqueline Boucher
116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

Two 116th Air Control Wing noncommissioned officers reaped the benefits of their hard work with on-the-spot promotions to technical and master sergeant as part of the Stripes for Exceptional Performers Program during the wing's monthly pin-on ceremony Jan. 8 in Coats Hall.

Tech. Sgt. Xavier Cottle, 116th Maintenance Operations Squadron and Master Sgt. William Galvin, 116th Maintenance Squadron, were both stunned when Col. Tom Lynn, wing commander, called them forward to receive their new stripes.

"I can't believe someone took the time to submit my name [for the STEP program]," Cottle said. "It was definitely a surprise. I was excited and proud at the same time - to realize my boss thought so highly of me."

Cottle's supervisor, Master Sgt. Micky Wall said the NCO flawlessly executed his duties and responsibilities as an E-8C aircraft weapons system senior coordinator.

"I think Cottle is outstanding in every respect. His unequivocal character is the foundation for exceptional leadership skills," Wall said.

As a 13-year veteran, Cottle is a senior controller at the maintenance operations center who says he "just tries to do his job well every day." He works as a liaison between the maintenance and operations functions ensuring information relayed through the MOC is accurate.

"Part of my job is to provide up-to-date information to commanders and to keep operations within the center running smoothly," said Cottle.

Cottle spearheaded a training program that resulted in no missed appointments and 12 fully trained coordinators. He also identified weaknesses and improved multiple MOC checklist items which enhanced processes, according to Wall.

Galvan was under the impression he was being recognized for the maintenance professional of the year award he won earlier. His first reaction to the surprise announcement was to ask the guy standing next to him to repeat what the commander said.

"I was totally floored when they announced the STEP promotion," Galvin said. "It took a few minutes for it to sink in."

Galvin is the repair and reclamation chief. His duties include working on the landing gear and flight control systems of the E-8C and KC-135. In addition to working on the flight line, he tackled a myriad of other duties when faced with a manning shortage.

"Sergeant Galvin has it

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Robins issuing 'smart' ID cards

By Chris Zdrakas
78th Air Base Wing

Robins is taking a step into the future with a new standard multi-use Department of Defense identification card replacing existing cards.

It's called Common Access Card, or CAC, and it's more than just a standard photo ID. CAC will provide a secure means of transmitting information across a computer network and eventually eliminate the need to carry multiple identification access cards. For the moment, CAC is a two-part story. The first part is how it's issued; the second is how it secures electronic transmissions.

Issuing CAC

Because of the volume to be issued at Robins, the Air Force has sent out a mobile registration unit, a 44-foot-long trailer equipped with six workstations. The unit will be on the south side of Building 2051 (Coats Hall) for about a month to issue cards, primarily to Air National Guard personnel. On or after Feb. 11, the unit will be relocated to the north entrance of Building 905, where CACs will be issued to the remainder of base personnel until May 30. Organizations have points of contact who will set up appointments for Robins personnel to obtain their cards. Appointments will be about every 15 minutes.

An estimated 22,000 new cards will be issued at Robins to active-duty military, Reserves, DOD civilians and eligible contractors, said Master Sgt. Rhonda Britt of the 78th Mission Support Squadron's Military Personnel Flight. Personnel deploying before receiving the CAC will retain current ID cards, which remain valid until the cards' expiration dates or Oct. 1, whichever comes first. Those people will receive their CAC upon their return to Robins.

John Evans, the Air Force site lead at Robins for issuing the cards, said the process is going well, with 685 cards issued in four days.



Pedro Colon, left, processes Airman 1st Class John Marceau in the mobile registration unit.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Airman 1st Class Paige Williams holds up the new common access card. Taking fingerprints, right, is part of processing for the new Common Access Card.

By the time the Air Force mobile registration unit leaves Robins in May, the MPF will have activated its customer services common access machine, scheduled to be in operation by March 10. Military Personnel Flight's customer service personnel will train with the equipment for three days before beginning to issue the CACs. Initially, their CAC customers will be those whose cards have been lost, stolen or mutilated.

Along with CAC capability, the flight will assume a new workload, issuing not only military, but also civilian and contractor IDs. (The Military Personnel Flight is located in Building 905, Suite 217.)

DOD-wide, more than 4 million of the new cards are being issued. About the size of a credit card, CAC contains an integrated circuit chip, linear bar code, two-dimensional bar code, magnetic stripe, color digital photograph and printed information.

Britt said the cards, which are white, will contain only items required by law. Some of the information people are accustomed to seeing such as height, weight, eye and hair color are not on the CACs because, she said,



there is no legal requirement.

CACs are thicker than the present cards to accommodate the microchip.

"I think the cards are a great idea," Britt said. "Later generations of the card will have more capabilities, and this is the platform that enables us to begin. In the future, there will probably be a gazillion possibilities for the card. What we are seeing is a first step."

The rest of the story

The other part of the CAC story relates to security for computers connected to the Robins local area network, and when the entire system is activated, throughout DoD. To get that part of the system going requires

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Making hours count

■ Houston County Schools give excused absence for children of deploying military service members

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Deploying parents and their children will have a few extra hours to spend together thanks to a plan devised by the Houston County School system and the Robins Air Force Base Office of Public Affairs.

According to Beth Burris, Community and School Affairs director for the Houston County Board of Education, Charles Holloway, superintendent Houston County School System has granted approval for one day's excused absence to any child of a deploying military member.

"We want to do anything we can to make this tough time easier for our students," she said. "They have to go through a lot of transitions and other challenges that other students don't have to and we want to help ease them through this transition."

Burris said they have also alerted school counselors to the fact that there may be students who need to come in and talk to them.

"We also have some teachers who have been through deployments who can also talk to the students about what is happening," she said.

Parents will be required to send a letter to the school when the child returns from his or her day of absence. Due to the fact that there is no one day that can be identified for all military personnel as they will deploy on different dates one day is not being set aside.

Another reason for not setting aside one day is that some parents will keep their child or children home the day before deployment for family time while others will prefer that the child or children see the parent

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Robins chief takes care of troops in Incirlik

Staff Sgt. Shannon Collins
Operation Norther Watch Public Affairs

He has one of the most respected ranks. He has been in the Air Force for almost 30 years. And during his deployment as the senior enlisted person to Incirlik, Turkey in support of Operation Northern Watch, he was charged with the well being of more than a thousand people.

Chief Master Sgt. Henry Leopard, who deployed to Incirlik from the 5th Combat Communications Group at Robins served as the Combined Task Force first sergeant, an advisor to many acting first sergeants and enlisted advisor to the Operation Northern Watch co-commander.

"I represented Brig. Gen. Robin Scott's policies to enlisted people, to the deployed forces, and got feedback issues that could hamper the mission or effect morale back to the

general," Leopard said.

Brig. Gen. Scott said the chief was essential to the mission and a key member of the Northern Watch leadership team.

"He is a relentless advocate for issues that impact our NCO corps," said the general. "In his day-to-day activities with our ONW warriors, he served as an experienced leader, exemplary mentor, standards enforcer and good friend all rolled into one."

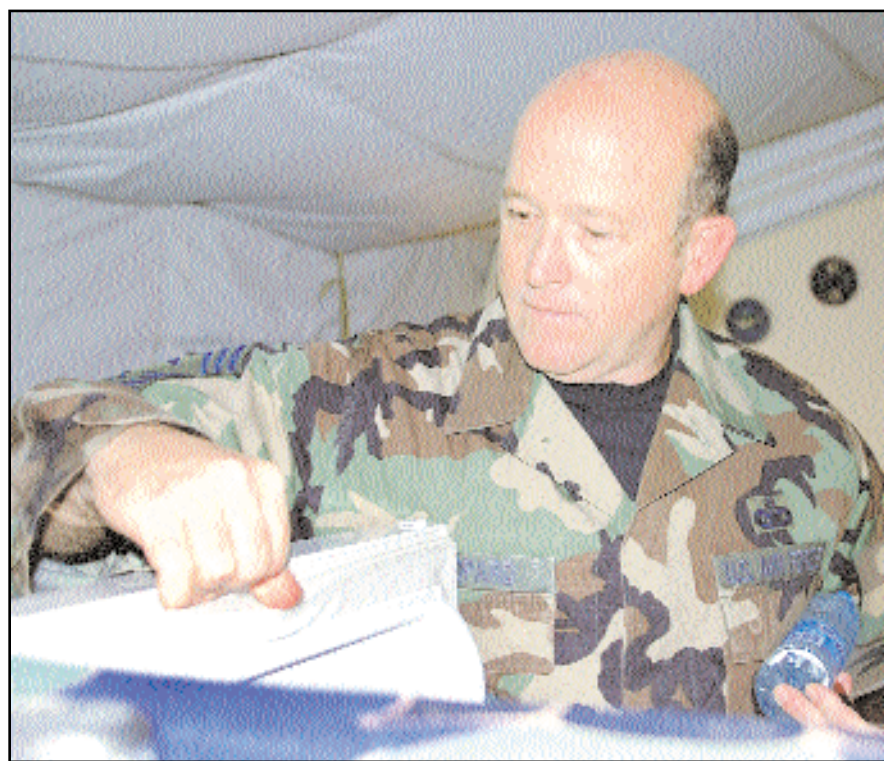
Leopard has been a first sergeant for the past 12 years and was a security forces troop before that.

"I felt that being a first sergeant would be good, righteous work, that I could give my shield up for a diamond," he said.

And it was a career change that garners no regrets.

"As a first sergeant, I could work in any squadron, I could be aligned with any unit, and it gives me a big-

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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Shannon Collins

Chief Master Sgt. Henry Leopard, Combined Task Force first sergeant, checks the lip of a refrigerator in a tent during weekly Tent City inspections.

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ger strategic level view of the Air Force and a bigger satisfaction for what we do as a service,” he said proudly. Though the day-to-day routine can be pretty monotonous, the chief has had a few unique experiences. While stationed in Panama, he helped a couple who had a stillborn baby. “It was just a very tragic event, to stand at the bedside of that young lady and to have to go through all of the requirements of that foreign country to have the body of the baby shipped back to the states,” said the chief, seriously, looking back across time. “A lot of people helped me make that happen. “Anytime I get a Red Cross call for a death in the family, that’s a lifetime event that you just want to make sure you get right, you just want to make sure you’ve gathered all the facts for the people before you go see them, and you find out who in their chain of command would be their friend to go with you to provide support,” added the chief. When the chief is not helping airmen with difficult issues, he also helps the



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Shannon Collins

While deployed in support of Operation Northern Watch, Chief Master Sgt. Henry Leopard stops to talk with Master Sgt. Dan Palmer, 161st Expeditionary Air Refueling Group first sergeant, about public health issues. junior NCOs with their mission. “You never see my handprint or footprint on the mission. I’m in the position to make sure that that staff sergeant, that tech sergeant, that master sergeant has got the supplies they need, the resources they need, the people they need and the money they need to do the mission right,” said Leopard. The military mission is one of the reasons Leopard joined. Being from a military family – his father was a chief petty officer and his daughter served four years in the Air Force -- Leopard says he continues to serve for his love of country. “I count it a blessing to be able to serve,” he said. The chief’s favorite part of the job is going out and visiting with the airmen. He offers a small piece of advice for the troops. “Learn everything you can from serving in a coalition force, capitalize on the similarities and minimize the differences and use those competencies we learned in kindergarten – play nice in the sandbox and be a good teammate,” Leopard said. **Editor’s note: Leopard returned to Robins Dec. 2, 2002, and currently serves as the first sergeant for the 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron, and as the superintendent for the 5th Combat Communications Group.**

Tax Center opens Jan. 27

The Robins Air Force Base tax center will open for the 2002 filing season on Jan. 27, and close April 15. Service will be provided on a walk-in basis beginning at 1 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. The tax preparation and electronic filing is a free service provided to active duty military members and their dependents and military retirees. The tax center is located on the second floor of Building 905 above the library. To get to the tax center, go through the library and take the stairs or elevator (located in the back of the library) to the second floor. For Georgia residents, the federal and state taxes are done simultaneously. For out-of-state residents, an appointment must be made to get the state taxes done. Appointments will be taken starting March 15 to prepare out-of-state taxes. Out-of-state taxes are not electronically filed by the base tax center. The state tax forms are prepared and provided to the taxpayer to mail to the appropriate state tax office. The Following documentation will be required: - W-2, (Wage and tax statement from all employers) - Form 1099 for interest, dividends, and miscellaneous income if applicable. - Social security cards of taxpayer, spouse and dependent children. - Legal documents (divorce decrees, separation agreements and powers of attorney are needed if someone will be signing the return in place of a spouse or acting as an agent of another person; a general power of attorney is acceptable if you don’t have a specific one for tax filing). - Bank account number and bank routing number for electronic filing. A copy of a voided check is sufficient. - Childcare provider’s name, address, tax identification number and payment receipts for those planning to claim the child and dependent care credit. - Documentation for those planning to claim the education credit. - The amount of tax rebate received during 2002. - A copy of the 2001 tax return. *For more information, contact the base tax center at 926-2391/2635.*

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Logistics Luncheon

The Warner Robins Chapter of the International Society of Logistics will conduct its general membership luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Officer’s Club. The guest speaker for the luncheon is Glynn Miller, director of consumer centered manufacturing at Whirlpool Corp. Guests are requested to go through the lunch line at 11 a.m. For more information, call Lt. Col. Jimmy Bailey at 926-1274.

Golf Tournament

The Robins Air Force Base

Black Heritage Golf Tournament will take place 12:30 p.m., Jan. 31. Cost is \$35 per person. Fee includes lunch and personalized tees. For more information, call Jeanette McElhaney at 926-0856.

Guard Vacancies

The 223rd Combat Communication Squadron in Hot Springs, Ar. has traditional Guard vacancies for individuals that are separating from the active duty Air Force, or that are qualified for the Palace Chase/Palace Front Program, in the following AFSC’s:2E2X1, 3C0X1, 3C251 and 2E2X1.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Kenneth R. Esaw at DSN 731-6876 ext. 226 or call toll free at 1-800-631-0509.

Officer’s Spouses Club

The Robins Officer’s Spouses Club announces its annual Scholastic Achievement Awards for high school seniors and continuing education students. Applications are available at the thrift shop, family support center, education center and counselor’s offices of area high schools. For more information, call Joy Linnean at 956-1525.

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installation of card readers and software on Robins computers.

The 78th Communications Squadron and an Air Force team have begun installing the equipment to implement an initiative called Public Key Infrastructure, or PKI.

Master Sgt. Michael Davis of the 78th Communications Squadron said PKI will better equip Robins to safely “operate within the new global culture of electronic information exchange and networking.”

“The new CAC and associated hardware and software will give us the ability to authenticate, protect and digitally sign electronic mail,” he said. The readers are a first step in PKI.

PKI supports a signature and encryption process that uses a pair of digital keys--one private and one public. Using the private key places a digital signature on documents and outgoing email and gives the user the ability to decrypt incoming email.

Davis said a five-person Air Force team augmented by 78th Communications Squadron Network Control Center personnel is installing the card readers and software. The installation team will notify computer work group managers of the dates and times they will be in various work areas. Installation takes about 7 minutes.

“Once again, maximum support and cooperation from workgroup managers will be required to make this venture successful,” Davis said. “We are really excited about PKI. It will tighten the unclassified local area network and make it more difficult to introduce vulnerabilities to the network.”

Anyone with questions about PKI may reach Davis at 926-7653. Information about PKI capabilities can also be found at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil>

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depart for duty.

“Allowing an excused absence from school for a military child to be with a deploying parent is yet another example of how folks in Middle Georgia lean forward to support our varied missions from Robins Air Force Base,” said Col. Tad Stanley, 78th Air Base Wing Commander. “Success of our role as our nation’s war fighters depends much on a stable family back home, and this extra family time allowed by our Houston County Schools helps our families to become even closer together and more prepared during the separation required of us by duty to our country.”

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all,” said Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Inskeep, 116th MXS flight chief, “leadership skills, people skills, technical know how and community involvement.”

Inskeep credits the 17-year veteran with accomplishments such as orchestrating procurement of four main and three nose wheel and tire assemblies from a local shop during critical supply kit shortages. His efforts contributed to a JSTARS 100 percent mission effectiveness rate.

“He’s always the first to step up,” Inskeep said. “In addition his heavy workload, he’s an inexhaustible volunteer on- and off-base.”

Galvin volunteered more than 200 hours coaching and mentoring Robins youth football, soccer and baseball teams.

‘Coal miner’s daughter’ makes good

■ Small-town woman’s career carries her around the world and back again

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Bonnie Gray had \$42 and a one-way ticket on Greyhound in her pocket when she left the poverty stricken mining community of Coeburn, Va., for Washington D.C.

The year was 1967, and Gray was among several vocational school students selected to serve her country by working for the federal government.

It was at the height of the Vietnam War, and the Air Force had sent people to the school to administer two tests to the students for employment consideration - Gray passed both with flying colors.

But when she arrived in the nation's capitol, the small-town girl, with her new coat and one suitcase was more than a little surprised.

“I was so backwards, I guess - I wouldn't want to say stupid,” she said. “But when I got off the bus I realized I didn't have enough money to stay in any of the hotels. The bus terminal guy let me stay in the terminal overnight, and he showed me how to catch the metro bus the next day.”

When she arrived at the personnel office, Gray told them that she didn't have anywhere to live.

“I'm not sure if they were used to it happening, but they advanced me the money and gave me the number of a place I could stay,” she said.

And so Gray took on the responsibilities of her new job as a GS-04 clerk stenographer at the Pentagon with a work ethic that would carry her around the world, culminating in her position as the chief of the Intelligence Division and senior intelligence officer at Robins. She retired earlier this month.

In 1968, Gray was promoted to GS-05 and selected as a foreign visitor administrative assistant. She was promoted to GS-07 in 1969. Over the course of a decade, Gray's responsibilities and grade would only increase.

In 1970, Gray became an accreditation program assistant performing liaison, administrative and stenographic duties in relation to Soviet and East European attaché travel in the United States.

In that role she checked accreditation of foreign representatives and authorized for-

eign aircraft landings. She was promoted to GS-08 in 1976.

In 1979, Gray was given the position of foreign aircraft control assistant, responsible for reviewing, evaluating, approving or disapproving and offering recommendations on requests from foreign military/government aircraft to land and use Air Force facilities around the world.

“When I worked in international affairs I was allowed to do many things that were unusual,” she said. “Jobs were kind of forced on me - like working with the Soviet Union at the time to approve communist block country travel outside the D.C. area.”

It was a far cry from the mining fields of Coeburn.

“I've met kings, and queens and diplomats,” she said “I traveled throughout Europe and even went to Greenland - it was a very interesting and one-of-a-kind position.”

In fact it was so one-of-a-kind, that once Gray found herself in a precarious position while traveling through Europe.

“When I traveled to the NATO bases in Europe, there were only male pilots and military officers and they didn't have a place for me to stay in the billets,” she said. “So they had me listed as Barney. They had me billeted in with a sergeant - it was quite a fiasco. I laughed about it, but they were all pretty embarrassed.”

Gray said of all the foreign dignitaries she was able to interact with, one stands out the most.

“The most interesting person I met in my career was Golda Meir, the former prime minister of Israel,” she said. “She came to Washington, and at the time I had to attend all the embassy functions. She lived in a kibbutz and did the ironing for the kibbutz. I couldn't believe she did her own canning; she was a very unique person.

“And here I am a coal miner's daughter and I'm running around Washington D.C., eating with kings, queens and prime ministers,” she said. “It was quite a privilege.”

By 1985, Gray had been promoted to GS-14, and was serving as chief, special projects section at the Pentagon. She was responsible for formulating policy, regulations and procedures for the disclosure of information and data to foreign governments.

In 1987, Gray received a call from the



Bonnie and Danny Gray will be taking some time to travel now that Bonnie has retired.

director of the Electronic Warfare Directorate at Robins. The director was a colonel Gray had known from her job at the Pentagon, and he wanted to know if she would be interested in establishing the Intelligence Division for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. But there was a catch - she would have to take a voluntary downgrade to GS-12.

“I was a GS-14 at the Pentagon, and it had been upgraded to 15,” she said. “But I decided I wanted to have a better lifestyle for my children. I had family here. My sister had moved here. I had aunts that lived here, and my family from Coeburn visited here more often than they did Washington.”

So Gray and her family packed up, and she walked away from her 18-year career at the Pentagon to become security officer for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

As security officer, Gray provided direct support to Directorate of Material Management engineers who were responsible for performing electronic warfare rapid programming for the Air Force and foreign military sales customers.

In 1994, Gray was promoted to GS-13 and became the chief of the Intelligence Division, she was also appointed by the center commander as the center's senior intelligence officer. She was promoted, yet again, to GS-14, and held her position until retirement.

Although Gray circled the globe, rubbed elbows with royalty and made decisions that could be part of a Tom Clancy novel, she never let any of it go to her head according to Col. Douglas Anderson, director of Robins’ Electronic Warfare Management Directorate.

“I think (what makes Gray so interesting

is) the fact that she came from such humble beginnings, but succeeded so well in her professional life,” he said. “She was very ‘down-home’ in the way she behaved and treated people. She wasn't pretentious.”

Kenneth Smith, a senior intelligence analyst at Robins agreed.

“I worked for her for nine years,” he said. “She was outgoing and very caring. She would do almost anything for her people. There were quite a lot of (people who previously worked for her at her retirement). There were people from Iceland, England and even an enlisted guy came from Utah on his own dime.”

And it's the type of payoff that Gray whole heartedly appreciates.

“I spent my whole career helping people,” she said. “I had a lot of people work for me over the time and I treated them as well as I could. Now, I feel like I robbed Bloomingdales - I'm getting gifts from people all over. They all came to say thank you and farewell. I was given help when I needed it, and I've spent my whole career helping others.”

Smith said he, for one, thinks her attitude towards people is what made Gray so successful.



Bonnie Gray

“She enabled people to do their jobs,” he said. “She took care of her people and the mission just fell in line.”

Anderson agreed.

“Professionally, what I was struck with was how she cared for her personnel,” he said. “I don't have many military, and the majority of them work in our intel shop. Bonnie handled them as well as any military commander I have seen. She looked out for her people. She built esprit de corps. And she meted out discipline when needed.

“It was great, because I have a lot of things to worry about but her shop was not one of them,” he added. “She kept me informed when needed, but basically I could ‘set her and forget her.’ Her knowledge of intelligence and it’s operation at the ALC was outstanding. She was always pleasant, even when she did have to surface a problem to me. We always tackled things as a

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team.”

As Gray closed the door on her career with the Air Force, her eyes were focused on the future, much the way they were focused on Washington D.C. that cold, winter day back in 1967.

“First of all I am going to rest,” she said. “My husband is already retired, so we’ll take some vacation trips for a year. My hobby is reading, so I’ll volunteer at the library and schools to read to children. I don’t intend on working for pay though, it’ll just be volunteer work.”

As for words of wisdom to share with those entering federal service, Gray said it’s simple.

“In my farewell speech I said that the Air Force has been good to me,” she said. “If you work hard and keep your nose clean, the Air Force will take care of you. Stay out of trouble and work hard and you’ll rise to the top.”

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Military Personnel Flight

The virtual Military Personnel Flight is a secure means of accessing your personnel information and conducting business on the Internet instead of going to the military personnel flight or commander’s support staff. This is useful when you can’t drive across base to the military personnel flight or CSS, you are TDY, or on leave. The vMPF can even be accessed from the comfort of home. Regardless of where you log on to vMPF, it’s safe and protected by the latest security technology to ensure privacy.

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Barry: We are all warriors

■ AFMC Plans and Programs director discusses scope and scale of major command

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Maj. General John Barry, Plans and Programs director, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, briefed a full house of Robins civilians and military members on the Air Force Materiel Command mission at the Base Theater Jan 14. Topics of discussion included the scope and scale of AFMC, challenges facing the command such as transformation and people issues, the roles of the ALC and responding to threats.

“If you fell asleep in 1990 and woke up today you would not recognize our Air Force,” he said. Barry explained that the mission includes developing, fielding and sustaining integrated air and space capabilities for the war fighter. He said he was very impressed with the job Robins is doing and was reminded of its important role during his tour of the Avionics Directorate Monday. Barry addressed the audience as active warriors in support of the war fighter. “We are all warriors, all contributing partners essential to our future victory,” he said. “We are not CNN warriors, but active contributors directly involved.” A question and answer session followed the briefing.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Maj. General John Barry, Plans and Programs director, Headquarters AFMC briefs a full house of Robins civilians and military members at the Base Theater Jan 14.

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U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Adam Stump
Above, Staff Sgt. Chris Jurca, a 52nd Combat Communications Squadron telephone technician, lays down dunnage on a flatbed trailer Jan. 10. The dunnage is used to aid forklifts in moving pallets of equipment. The equipment and a substantial number of airmen from the 5th Combat Communications Group left this week to support the global war on terrorism. Below, Airmen from the 5th Combat Communications Group at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., lay down railing on a C-17 Globemaster to aid in cargo loading before the jet departs Jan. 14.

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King holiday is more than a day off work

By TSgt Charlie Battle

On Jan. 20, we will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. a man that stood for justice and peace sacrificing his life for what he believed in.

The theme asks you to remember, celebrate and act. Webster defines remember as: "to bring to mind or to think of again."

Two score years ago, Martin Luther King Jr stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., and rendered his now famous "I Have a Dream" speech. To revisit those words or to read them for the first time can stir up many emotions, such as anger and joy. Angry to think that a nation so great could treat its citizens with such contempt and hatred, solely based upon the color of their skin. And joy to see the hope and potential Dr. King saw in this nation as he faced insurmountable odds.

Today, many of us are afforded opportunities that

were previously unattainable. For some, it is a direct result of the sacrifices made by pioneers in the pursuit of equality for all Americans.

Pioneers like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King symbolized all that America had the potential to be...a nation unified, strong, and single-minded in purpose.

He shouldered the burdens of many and with undaunted perseverance helped pave the way for all underprivileged Americans to rise up and join the ranks of this great nation's prosperous contributors.

Once a year we set aside a time to honor his achievements and to look back in retrospect at his accomplishments.

We recognize this great American with a federally observed holiday in his honor, to celebrate a legacy of sacrifice and achievement. Dr. King stood for

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Tech. Sgt. Charlie Battle

equality amongst all people, regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, or sex. His efforts aided in the abolishment of many unfair practices and many of us have directly benefited from gains in the areas of employment, lifestyles, and economic prosperity. This observance is not merely designed as a day off, but a day to ponder the boundless social and economic strides made to ensure that we all live in a

place that recognizes us as valuable assets to this great nation.

It also allows us an opportunity to take action in an effort to improve our current standards.

Many question the validity of this type of an observance and protest against it. That alone signifies the totality on his contributions, for Dr. King stood for the rights of an individual to do just that...stand and protest.

So, in remembrance of this great American, do something positive with the time allocated to celebrate this year.

Go out and contribute to your community or workplace. It indeed takes the effort of many to realize the potential for all.

Also, take the time to revisit the words of "I Have a Dream." It will give some prospective as to why we take this day on which to celebrate and honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Has Martin Luther King Jr. Day become just another holiday for you?

Chief Master Sgt. Greg Kebil- Military liaison, LESGA

Yes, I think it has become just another holiday because people don't think of what it's all about.



Phyllis Burns- Item Manager, LESVA

No, it's not like any other holiday. My reasoning is because the holiday represents one of unity among races, it gives us all a chance to recognize a man who felt the same.



Maryann Langford- Staff Analyst, LEC

Yes, I think that it has become like any other holiday. It's a day off and people get excited about it and that is the meaning for most people.



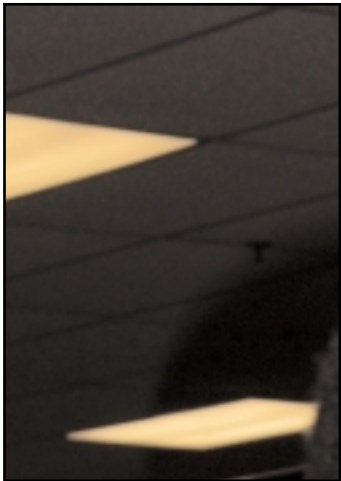
1st Lt. Marcus Fox- C-5 Galaxy War fighter Support Center

I feel that the holiday is not being treated as just another day off. More emulated in the South, that day is a day for many African Americans to come together and think.



Eric Jones- Engineering Branch Chief, LEEE

No, the MLK holiday has not become just another holiday for me because I have a 3-year old son and it's important for him to know the real meaning behind this holiday and others. This one is not any more important than the others nor is it any less important.



Leadership

Leaders should be fit, be fair, be firm

by Chief Master Sgt. Chris Dobbins

11th Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska -- “Chief, I've got a question...”

Those five words have become a very common introductory remark as I traverse the many shops, offices and flightlines of our great Aerospace Force.

While many of the questions concern deployments, pay, assignments and quality of life issues, more and more I'm getting, “Do you have any advice for today's young supervisors?”

I must admit that I didn't blow away the recruiting office with my ASVAB scores, MIT never offered me a scholarship, and I'm fairly confident the Air Force Academy will never select me for a permanent professor position.

But this, to me, is one of the easier questions I've ever had to answer.

I simply call it the “3-F” approach: be fit, be fair and be firm.

Be fit! It's called a "profession of arms" for a reason. At anytime, we could be called upon to do our nation's will.

Granted, some jobs require greater levels of fitness than others, but everybody who serves in our Air Force has a responsibility to maintain his or her personal fitness so we may answer that call.

News flash! Some of the locations we are asked to serve don't have rental cars, a Holiday Inn Express or McDonald's. In fact, the number one method of transportation in many of these areas is shoe leather; number one living accommodation, tents; number one eating establishment ... Well, you get the point.

What do you suppose is the common denominator for successful mission accomplishment in these austere areas? It is a fit force.

It is one thing to carry one of our

wounded warriors off the battlefield. We shouldn't have to carry them to the region because of their poor fitness. Unfortunately, we have some who don't understand this important personal responsibility.

Supervisors, here are a couple of things to remember.

The gym doesn't require an “open area #7” on your restricted area badge for access -- use it!

There are 24 hours in the day. Spend one of them improving your fitness. Twenty-three hours should be plenty to accomplish most everything else. If you are not maintaining your own fitness, how can you expect it of your troops? Lead by example. Be fit.

Be Fair! There is nothing more divisive to a shop, office, flight or organization than double standards and preferential treatment, perceived or otherwise.

As a supervisor, you simply cannot afford to allow an unfair environment to exist.

So why has this become the Achilles heel of so many supervisors? Human nature, personal likes and dislikes, prejudices, age differences, cultural barriers -- it could even be something as simple as sports or music interests. The list is endless.

To some degree, we've all experienced the work environment where “the boss” has his favorites, and gives the great shifts to “Airman Do No Wrong” while giving "Airman What's His Name" weekend duty so "the gang" can go skiing, camping or the like.

This is not a successful formula for unit harmony or mission accomplishment.

Call me crazy, but I don't subscribe to the belief that everyone is “created” equal. If that were the case, you would see the name “Dobbins” next to “Woods” every week at the top of the PGA leader board.

However, I do believe that everyone should be “treated” equally, and that is where you, the supervisor, come in. Be fair.



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CloseUp

Friday January 17, 2003

Rev-Up B-1

‘Up, up and away...’

Members of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, The F-15 System Program Office and the 339th Flight Test Squadron helped an injured F-15 E Strike Eagle mend its wings and take to the skies again after sustaining crash damage at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England in March 2000.

Technical Sgt. Tracy Malcolm, 653rd crew chief, said the aircraft was dismantled and brought to Robins in a C-5 Galaxy in December 2000.

The damage to the aircraft occurred during an engine run," he said. It broke loose and crashed through the hangar doors causing severe damage to the nose gear, left side skin and the intake ramp."

Upon arrival here, the aircraft underwent the normal program depot maintenance depaint process after which it went through a full assessment and repair.

According to Malcolm the F-15 E the aircraft was completed on schedule with a total of 6,540 man-hours expended. These man-hours saved the Air Force \$273,536 that would have been spent had the work been contracted out.

"The work done on this aircraft was amazing," he said. "The way the CLSS members tore into the repair process and picked up and ran with the job was outstanding."

Malcolm said some of the parts used in the repair had to be manufactured by the manufacturing division of the Maintenance Directorate because they were not the



Lt. Col. Kevin Coleman of the 339th Flight Test Squadron waits for the "OK to proceed" from the tower prior to test flying a F-15E Strike Eagle recently repaired at Robins.

usual parts needed in a repair job.

Also hard at work on the plane was the F-15 SPO.

"We helped with aircraft by helping to put it back together and performing operational checks," said Buck Whelchel, F-15 deputy branch chief, B section.

Lt. Col. Kevin Coleman of the 339th FTS took the Eagle for its final functional check flight Jan. 8.

"The first functional test after crash damage is usually pretty eventful, but after that, they get better and better," said Coleman.

Coleman said after its four functional tests, the aircraft was ready to go home Jan.14.

The F-15E Strike Eagle is a dual-role fighter designed to perform air-to-air and air-to-ground missions. An array of avionics and electronics systems gives the F-15E the capability to fight at low altitude, day or night, and in inclement weather and perform its primary function as an air-to-ground attack aircraft.



After its four functional tests, the aircraft that sustained crash damage at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England was ready to go home Tuesday.



Lt. Col. Kevin Coleman of the 339th Flight Test Squadron gives the thumbs up sign following his test run in the F-15E Strike Eagle that was repaired at Robins after sustaining crash damage at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England in March 2000.



Each of the two engines on the F-15E Strike Eagle provide 29,000 pounds of thrust.

U.S. Air Force images by
Ed Aspera

TV SCHEDULE



Note the new show times on Sundays.
These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15.

Friday

Robins Report: 8 p.m. – News from around base.
Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. – On this week’s Around Robins, get information on benefits afforded to military members through the Air Force Aid program. Bill Heaberg, transition assistance program manager talks about the importance of preparing for transition and classes offered for assistance.
Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – Inside Robins features an interview with Lt. Col Paul Dunbar who will discuss how Robins Air Force Base supports the C-17 and other topics.

Sunday

1:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**
2 p.m. - **Around Robins**
2:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**



Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**
12:30 p.m. - **Around Robins**
1 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11.
Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.

Jan. 18 — Die Another Day (PG-13)

Starring Pierce Brosnan and Halle Berry. Bond is on the trail of new villains, the deadly megalomaniac Gustav Graves and his ruthless right-hand man, the North Korean Zao. (action, violence and sexuality)



Jan. 17 – Treasure Planet (PG-13) Animated.

Fifteen-year-old Jim Hawkins joins the crew of an intergalactic expedition as cabin boy aboard a glittering space galleon. Befriended by the ship’s cook, a charismatic cyborg named John Silver, Jim blossoms under his guidance, and shows the makings of a fine “spacer” as he and the alien crew battle supernovas. (adventure, action and peril)



Jan. 17 – Hot Chick (PG-13)

Starring Tia and Tamara Mowry
A “popular yet mean-spirited” teenage girl (McAdams) wakes up one day to find herself turned into a man in his 30’s. Along with the way to finding out how she ended up like that, she discovers how shallow and cruel she’s always been.
(crude and sexual humor, language and drug references)

Jan. 17 – Adam Sandler’s Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13)

Starring Adam Sandler and Jackie Titone
Davey Stone, a 33-year-old party animal, finds himself in trouble with the law after his wild ways go too far. In keeping with the holiday spirit, the judge gives Davey one last chance at redemption– spend the holiday performing community service as the assistant referee for the youth basketball league or go to jail.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Catholic CCD classes for ages 4 through adult meet every Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon — from September through May — at Robins Elementary School.
Protestant services take place every Sunday at: 8 a.m. inspirational; and 11 a.m. traditional.
Protestant religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.
Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.
The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.
● **Carl L. Long**, Maintenance Directorate. Point of contact is Bernard Ward, 926-2303.
Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Brian Lucas via fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at brian.lucas@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

This week in history

Jan. 16-18, 1957
commanded by Maj. Gen. Archie Old Jr., three B-52 bombers completed a 24,325 mile round-the-world nonstop flight in 45 hours and 19 minutes at an average speed of 534 m.p.h. It marked the first globe-circling nonstop flight by a jet aircraft.
On Jan. 18, 1955 Secretary of the Air Force Harold E. Talbot made his first visit to Robins Air Force Base.



SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Base Restaurant 926-3031

Thank Your Lucky Stars will be ongoing at the base restaurant through Jan. 30. Just look on the back of your receipt for an instant win star.
All receipts without a star may be entered to win weekly prizes including portable DVDs and combo flat screen TV/DVDs. Win a tour-4-two or even an office party.
For more information call the Base Restaurant or go to the Services website at www.robins.af.mil/services.

Officers Club 926-2670

A dinner fit for a gourmet will be served 6 p.m. Jan. 24. Price for the dinner is \$40 per person. Meal includes entertainment by Bob Cummings.

Skills Development Center 926-5282

The following classes are available at the skills development center: rubber stamping, 6-8 p.m. Jan. 21 and 23, cost is \$12.50; creative memories, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Jan 22 and 12:30-2:30 p.m. Jan. 24, cost is \$12.50; pansy tile in oils 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Jan. 25, cost is \$20 plus supplies; auto skills safety class 6 p.m. each Wednesday and 11 a.m. every third Saturday; woodshop hobby classes safety, 6 p.m. each Tuesday 11 a.m. Saturday’s; ladies woodworking 1-8 p.m. Wednesdays, cost \$2 per hour plus supplies; fret work-scroll saw 6-8 p.m. Jan 22, cost is \$12.50; beginning framing 6-8 p.m. Jan. 28 and 30, cost is \$12.50.

Smith Community Center 926-2105

A grand opening for the Smith Community Center’s new computer room will take place at noon Jan 21. Computer room instructors are needed for the new computer room.

Knowledge in word, excel and many more will be helpful. For more information contact the center.

Youth Center 926-2110

A 4-H meeting will take place 3:45 p.m. Jan 21. For more information contact the center.

CDC 926-5805/3080

A pajama literacy day will be held all day Jan. 24. Volunteers read to the children throughout the day to enhance reading for all children. Children, teachers and volunteers may dress in their pajamas for the day.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

The Press Box is open for express lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and for dinner from 6-9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Specials include two-for-one prime rib for \$16.95 every week, two-for-one rib-eye steaks, \$15.95 Jan. 17 and 18.

Family child care 926-6741

In continual support of Operation: Enduring Freedom, the co-payment for Extended Duty Care (EDC) has been extended to April 1.
The EDC provides care for children of active duty and Department of Defense employees required to work late, work weekends, change shifts, or are called in to support deployments. It will not be a substitute for regular care, but is an approved intermittent child care arrangement for those times when parents must work outside their normal schedule.

Nature Center 926-4500

A Bluebird craft program will be held Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. All ages are invited to make crafts. Cost is \$5 per participant. Register by Jan. 24.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center (FSC) sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members.
Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor.
Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.
The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Enlisted Club.
Hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Workshop is Feb. 10 - 12, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day, Smith Community Center Ballroom.
Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.
Workshop topics include: Job Search Skills, Resume and Cover Letters, Interviewing Skills, Career Planning, Veterans Benefits, Disabled Veterans Issues, and much more. Reservations are taken on first-come, first-serve basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates.
To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256. If you register for a session and find you can not attend, contact the Family Support Center to cancel your reservation---there is a waiting list.

Center closed

The Family Support Center and Family Services Loan closet and Airman’s Attic will be closed Jan. 20 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday. Normal services will resume 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Pre-TAP briefing

A Pre-TAP briefing will be conducted 1:15-4:15 p.m. Jan. 28, building 905, room 139.
The transition assistance program is offering a briefing for personnel and their spouses who are within 1-3 years of separation/retirement. This session is designed to help individuals get a head start on long range retirement planning, benefits and other information. To register, call the center at ext. 6-1256.

Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For

The Air Force transformation strategy is to:

- Create and maintain a mindset, attitude and culture conducive to transformation.
- Adapt our organization.
- Break out of industrial-age business processes and embrace information-age thinking.
- Develop Task Force CONOPS to achieve tasks we must execute into the foreseeable future.
- Use those CONOPS to identify capabilities needed to provide our airmen with the best tools to meet the challenges of the 21st century and beyond.
- Continue to aggressively pursue innovation to lay the groundwork for ongoing transformation.

Chapel to host Donut Man concert

The Robins Air Force Base Chapel will be offering a free concert for all valid ID card holders and their guests Feb. 22, at the base theater.
Showtimes are from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

Rob Evans, know as the “Donut Man,” is a father of six, and one of the nation’s outstanding Christian composers of music.
Nominated for three Gospel Music Awards, and recipient of numerous national awards for Christian communications, he has reached millions with his music.
With songs, stories, comedy and lots of audience participation, he will be here, sharing parables of Jesus and other Bible favorites. Evans is gifted in his ability to present the gospel in a way that profits and delights people of all ages.
So don't miss a great opportunity to participate in an event that will not only bless and entertain your kids, or grandkids, but also equip you with creative ideas for presenting the gospel in your home.
Jumping, clapping, singing, laughing; a Donut Man concert grabs children right where they are with a wonderful blend of bible songs, stories and a lot of audience participation.
A Donut Man concert is a great place for young families to sow seeds of Biblical values into their lives.
For free tickets and more information contact:
Athena Romo
Protestant Programs Coordinator
Robins AFB Chapel
(478) 926-2821



The Rev-up has searched high and low to find a handful of football nuts, worthy of calling themselves football experts. Each week during the football season these so-called "experts" will use their knowledge to take a shot at picking the winner in five featured professional football games and one college game. Throughout the football season, the Rev-up will keep a running total of the wins and losses for each expert.

Who's on top?

Player	W	L	T
Fidler	58	41	1
Kurtz	52	48	1
Haines	50	49	1
Smith	50	49	1

This week's games

Buccaneers at Eagles
Titans at Raiders

Airman 1st Class Tiara Smith

Tim Kurtz

Capt. Paul Fidler

Senior Airman Mark Haines

My picks:

Bucs Raiders

My picks:

Eagles Raiders

My picks:

Bucs Raiders

My picks:

Eagles Raiders

Last week's results

Fidler slams the door on the competition with a perfect score for the week. These last weeks will show how the rest of the group will fall in place. Smith, Kurtz and Haines are all running neck and neck and it's time for the cream to rise to the top. Good luck pigskin prognosticators! The Super Bowl is just around the corner.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth Center 926-2110
Robins Youth Center soccer registration begins Jan. 25-Feb.1. Fees for returning players are \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Fees for new players are \$50 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. Registration takes place 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. For more information call the center.

The youth center will conduct baseball, softball and T-ball registration Feb. 22-Mar. 1. For more information call Ron Hayes at the center.

Fitness Center 926-2128
A 10K resolution run will take place 9 a.m. Jan. 25. For more information call the fitness center.

Robins Lanes 926-2112
A mixed doubles handicapped tournament will take place 6 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$30 per team. First place wins \$230 bases on 32 team entries.

Also, bowl a three game 9-pin no tap set for \$6 per week for six weeks. Each week the lowest score will be voted out. After six

weeks the last survivor takes all the winnings. A new round begins every six weeks.

In January the Robins Lanes will give a free game of bowling to students, grades one-12. who bring a report card with "A's".

Skeet Range 926-4733
A \$2 a day trap shooting is slated for 3-5:30 p.m. Jan. 29. The event is open to the Robins Air Force Base Community. Cost is \$2 per 25 targets.

Youth Center 926-2110
An Air Force Youth bowling tournament "Bowl by Mail" will take place 4 p.m. Jan. 25. Cost is \$4.25, includes three games plus shoe rental. Awards will be given for first and second place to a male and female participant for high game and high series. Age groups to be included are five - eight years, nine - 11 years, 12-14 years and 15 - 18 years.

For more information, call Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

Registration for the in-line winter hockey league has been extended by the youth center. Registration takes place 3-6 p.m.

Monday through Friday and 1-6 p.m. Saturday.

F i t n e s s Center 926-2128
New Year's resolution appointments will be available now through Mar. 31 for those people resolved to shed a few extra inches.

Take a class in Kuk Sool Won, Traditional Martial Arts. Learn joint manipulation, pressure points, use of weapons and more. Classes take place 6-7 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings for children and from 7-9:30 p.m. for adults. Cost is \$90 a month for a family of four, children's passes are \$30 monthly or \$4 a day and adult passes are \$45 monthly or \$5 a day.

For more information on the mentioned programs call the center at 926-2128.

Outdoor Adventure 926-6527
The indoor fitness center pool will be open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays for family swimming. The pool is closed the first and third Sundays of each month. Fitness center eligibility requirements must be met, children 16 years and younger require parental supervision at the pool.

Aviation museum marathon winners

Male category overall
First place:David Giangrande, 2:45:33; second place:Rudy Estrada, 2:55:34; third place:Josh Myers, 2:58:26.

Masters Category
First place: Scott Ludwig, 3:19:50; second place:Roger Keel, 3:23:04; third place, Larry Thompson, 3:25:19.

Clydesdale Category
First place:Charles Chapman, 3:26:35; second place:Kris Kruger, 3:42:08; third place:Mike Kosco, 4:14:46.

Female category overall
First place:Wendy Hall, 2:51:50; second place; Angela Cobb, 3:11:15; third place:Kelly Murzynsky, 3:19:50.

Masters Category
First Place:Barbara White, 4:04:49; second place:Beth Davenport; 4:20:29; third place:Janis Anderson,4:20:45.

Athena Category
First place:Kendel Melin,5:42:49.

Male half marathon
First place:Alan Black, 1:12:48; second place:John Roberts, 1:15:54; third place;1:17:40.

Masters Category
First place:Mike Cleveland, 1:23:35; second place:Marlon Fleeman; 1:24:26; third place:Tom Minor, 1:25:25.

Clydesdale Category
First place: Paul Langan, 1:38:09; second place:Todd

Howell, 1:39:43; third place: Eugene O'Donnell; 1:41:54.

Female half marathon
First place:Lisa Tolley, 1:31:58; second place:Belinda Young, 1:36:16; third place:Brenda McGovern, 1:37:14.

Masters Category
First place:Paula May, 1:43:16; second place:Elizabeth Jones; 1:51:53; third place:Dawn Lopez; 1:52:06.

Athena Category
First place:Donna Hertling, 2:13:59; second place:Beth Shafer, 2:28:03; third place:Ann Walsh, 2:28:12.

Male 5K
First place:Justin Parker, 16:37; second place, David Marley, 17:32; third place: Will Sheftall, 17:47.

Masters Category
First place:Clark Walker, 17:53; second place:Mike Posey, 19:07; third place: Glen Sigman, 19:19.

Female 5K
First place:Kathy Woodard, 22:29; second place:Kate Brun:23:02; third place; Pam Nault:26:42.

Masters Category
First place:Mara Nance, 23:47; second place:Myra Kucera; third place:Pam Nault, 26:42.

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Innovation pays off in more ways than one

By Bonita Dobbs
552nd Air Control Wing
Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFMCNS) - A 552nd Air Control Wing member here is living proof that innovation can pay big dividends, earning \$15,000 in four years courtesy of the Air Force's Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program.

Since arriving here approximately four years ago, Staff Sgt. Daniel McSwain, an avionics test station and aircraft component specialist in the 552nd Component Maintenance Squadron's Avionics Intermediate Section, has submitted five suggestions for process improvements. These have saved the Air Force hundreds of thousands of dollars and earned him more than \$15,000 in awards.

His most recent award – a \$10,000 collection – was for adding a note to the technical order informing technicians that while testing and repairing aircraft compass adapter compensators, the illumination of the autopilot decoupled lamp on the test set may



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Staff Sgt. Daniel McSwain's work with the compass adaptor compensator and his desire to improve its repair earned the avionics technician some cash and the satisfaction of improving the process. McSwain is a member of the Avionics Intermediate Section in the 552nd Component Maintenance Squadron.

not be noticeable.

McSwain's first four suggestions also involved improvements to the compass adapter compensator - one of eight components that are a part of the Attitude Heading and Reference System.

AHRS is part of the aircraft navigation system.

The staff sergeant's most recent suggestion added a note to the technical order letting technicians know the autopilot decoupled lamp may not illuminate during

testing, or that it may illuminate so fast they would not notice it.

This helped to ensure every possible step was taken before the component was sent out as non-serviceable.

Since this suggestion has been added, the Air Force has saved more than \$120,000 and more than 220 man-hours in trouble-shooting and needless repairs, Tinker officials said.

When asked about the award money, McSwain said, “The first three awards went toward furthering my education, and this most recent award is going to savings.

“It’s not really about the

money, though,” the sergeant said. “It’s really about taking the initiative to try to improve and fix as much as we can, as opposed to just plugging the components into the testing system and

declaring it as non-serviceable without taking extra steps to ensure that it is actually non-serviceable. It’s about saving the Air Force money and making our jobs easier.”